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SUBJECT: NEW PRESIDENT OF SWISS NATIONAL COUNCIL - ELISABETH BLUNSCHY

1. SWISS NATIONAL COUNCIL (PARLIAMENT LOWER HOUSE) HAS ELECTED AS ITS PRESIDENT, BY 111 TO 59 VOTES, MRS. ELISABETH BLUNSCHY, THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO SERVE IN THIS POSITION. SHE WILL ALSO SERVE EX-OFFICIO AS PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT WHEN IN JOINT SESSION WHICH IS HIGHEST SWISS LEGISLATIVE POSITION. SHE IS MEMBER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY FROM SCHWYZ AND MEMBER NATIONAL COUNCIL SINCE 1971. SWISS WOMEN RECEIVED FRANCHISE FEBRUARY 1971. SHE WAS ONE OF TEN FIRST WOMEN MEMBERS WHO ENTERED PARLIAMENT SIX MONTHS LATER.

2. MRS. BLUNSCHY WAS BORN JULY 13, 1922 IN SCHWYZ, ATTENDED UNIVERSITIES OF LAUSANNE AND FRIBOURG. SHE RECEIVED LAW DOCTORATE AND TOOK OVER HER HUSBAND'S LAW PRACTICE FOLLOWING HIS DEATH, THEN RAN FOR PARLIAMENT. SHE IS MEMBER OF SEVERAL FEDERAL COMMISSIONS AS WELL AS VARIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE, WOMEN'S AND CONFESSONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. UNLIKE THE U.S. CONGRESS, THE DUTIES OF THIS

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